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In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 10/591,645	)	
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For: PROBE AND METHOD OF	)	Confirmation No.: 1797
MANUFACTURING PROBE	)	

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Included in the attached PTO SB/08 Form is an English language summary of an Office Action for the PCT application in the Chinese national phase that corresponds to the above identified application. The Office Action lists four references. The first listed reference, JP2000-294043A, is also listed on the attached PTO SB/08 Form filed herewith. A copy of JP2000-294043A and an English language abstract are included in this filing. Regarding the second listed reference, CN1467832A, corresponding U.S. Publication No. 2003/0218252A1 was listed on the PTO SB/08 Form filed on September

5, 2006. We also have listed CN1467832A on the attached PTO SB/08 Form, and have provided a copy and an English language abstract.

The third listed reference, JP10-115637A, was also listed on the PTO SB/08 Form filed on September 5, 2006 and is therefore not listed on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. The fourth reference, JP10-221370A was listed on the PTO SB/08 Form filed on September 5, 2006, and again on the PTO SB/08 Form filed on March 3, 2008, and is therefore not listed in the attached PTO SB/08.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making the appropriate notation on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the listed documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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